

CLEAN VERSION OF AMENDED CLAIMS

Please replace claims 1, 17 and 26 with the following:

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1. (Amended) A method for the prophylaxis of lesions caused by a virus of the Herpesviridae or Poxviridae family, comprising topically applying a composition consisting essentially of 0.2 to 30% by volume of a C1, a C2, or a C3 alcohol or a C2, C3, or C4 diol, and a sufficient amount of an acid to adjust the pH of the composition to between 2.45 and 4.6, wherein said composition is applied during symptoms of pain, itching burning, or tingling.

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17. (Amended) A method for the prophylaxis of lesions caused by a virus of the Herpesviridae or Poxviridae family, comprising topically applying a composition consisting essentially of 0.2 to 30% by volume of an alcohol selected from the group consisting of methanol, ethanol, 1-propanol, 2-propanol, 2,3-butanediol, 1,2-butanediol, 1,3-butanediol, and 1,4-butanediol, and a sufficient amount of an acid to adjust the pH of the composition to between 2.45 and 4.6, wherein said acid selected from the group consisting of glycolic acid, lactic acid, succinic acid, malic acid, citric acid, acetic acid, and hydrochloric acid, wherein said composition is applied during symptoms of pain, itching burning, or tingling.

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26. (Amended) A method for the prophylaxis of lesions caused by a virus of the Herpesviridae or Poxviridae family, comprising topically applying a composition consisting essentially of 10% by volume ethanol and 0.6% by weight glycolic acid, wherein the pH of the composition to between 2.45 and 4.6, wherein said composition is applied during symptoms of pain, itching burning, or tingling.